

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

GRANDSTAFF 

ROKOSCH

THOMPSON 

CHILCOTT 

DRISCOLL 

PLETTENBERG (Clerk & Recorder)

Date.....February 8, 2008

Members Present.....Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff,  
Commissioner Jim Rokosch, Commissioner Alan Thompson, Commissioner Greg  
Chilcott and Commissioner Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Beth Perkins

► The Board met with Civil Counsel Alex Beal to discuss the contract with Oz Architects for the 9-1-1 remodel RFQ. Alex stated there is a need for a new RFQ and it will need to include construction costs as well.

Commissioner Chilcott stated there needs to be discussion regarding election equipment. He suggested utilizing the Event Center at the Fairgrounds for ballot counting. Board discussion followed regarding space utilization for EOC and election equipment.

**Commissioner Rokosch made a motion to issue an RFQ for architectural services for 9-1-1 renovation and storage facility for space utilization. Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion, all voted 'aye'.**

► The Board met for final plat approval for McMillan Ranch Lot 1A. **Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to approve final plat for McMillan Ranch Lot 1A. Commissioner Driscoll seconded the motion, all voted 'aye'.**

Commissioner Rokosch was not present for this meeting.

► The Board met for a Travel Planning update from Forest Service. Present were Dan Ritter and David Bull from Forest Service.

Commissioner Rokosch was not present for this meeting.

Dave stated this is a comprehensive look at how the Forest Service is coming up with a motor vehicle use map. He stated there have been several editorials regarding the travel plan. Dave discussed the public meeting process being extended from November 30<sup>th</sup> 2007 to the end of this month. (February 2008) They have gone from September being a 30 days comment period to February being a 150 day comment period for the public.

Dan stated they changed the Darby meeting to Hamilton and another meeting in Stevensville. These meetings were in an open house format. Once the comment period is over they will accumulate the input and have the draft ready with final draft slated for the fall of 2009 and a decision by the end of 2009. Dan presented the Board with a question and answer sheet for informational purposes.

Commissioner Thompson asked if RS2477 has been considered in this plan. Dave replied no, they did not consider it for the route in the Bitterroot. Commissioner Thompson stated there are places where it is a great concern with dealing with BLM land. The concerns of this Board are going to be quite reverse. The reason he requested this meeting is to ensure the opportunity for public comment. He will be submitting his comment to the Forest Service regarding this matter. Dave replied there is an extraordinarily long comment period. They have had a robust and active public process period.

Commissioner Chilcott asked about 166 miles of user created routes. He asked if they are closing roads being identified by people as having value. Dave replied the 166 miles is a fraction of the numbers of user created routes. There are still routes that do not fit either bill that they are trying to get closed. The user created routes are a lot more than are being used.

Commissioner Driscoll asked for stats for showing money for maintenance. Dave replied it is a smaller number than users to expand the route. Commissioner Grandstaff stated her plate is full with other commission items and she is not prepared to give an opinion today. Commissioner Thompson stated some of these are old fire fighting roads. Commissioner Driscoll discussed maintenance levels with Dave. Dave replied there are five different maintenance levels to determine the closing of the road. Commissioner Rokosch asked about the stewardship projects. Dave replied they could exchange the stewardship projects.

Kirk Thompson asked about the 100 miles of the motor bike trails existing along creeks. He asked with this process, if it would legalize them. Commissioner Thompson asked if the bulk of the trails are being used to make them legal with this process. Board discussion followed regarding the public procedure process.

Mike Jeffords stated the Board needs to look at the 166 miles selected. They are not out there looking for every road and trail. Their club has deemed these important and some of the areas are deemed important by people who use them. He stated some of the trails being taken away are viable and of use to the motorized users.

Marcia Wallacer stated 99% of the trails created are Forest Service trails. The motorized citizens utilize them just the same.

Kirk Thompson stated this process is complicated and the vehicles range from small and big. He used an example of the types of vehicles being used on these trails.

Commissioner Grandstaff thanked everyone for their comments and adjourned the meeting.